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Amendments to Claims

In the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 1-4, and amend claims 5-8 as follows:

1 - 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method of processing mail pieces on a plurality of inserter systems without modification to a mailer's legacy computer system, each of the plurality of inserter systems having incompatible control systems, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a printstream in a the mailer's legacy computer remote from the plurality of inserter systems;

transmitting the printstream from the mailer's computer to a printer for producing printed documents;

delivering the printed documents from the printer to the plurality of inserter systems;

transmitting the printstream from the mailer's computer to a workstation computer coupled to the plurality of inserter systems;

interpolating the printstream in the workstation computer to generate a-reprint database-data containing electronic files corresponding to each of the printed documents produced by the printer;

interpolating the printstream in the work station computer to generate a-job tracking database-data containing job level data for the mail pieces that are to be assembled in the plurality of inserter systems;

processing the printed documents in the plurality of inserter systems for generating the mail pieces; and

associating data from the job tracking database-data with the generated mail pieces to monitor the performance of the plurality of inserter systems.

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6. (Currently Amended) A method of processing mail pieces on a plurality of inserter systems as recited in Claim 5 further including the steps of:

interpolating the printstream in the work station computer to generate a one or more Mail Run Data File-Files (MRDF) in an appropriate format for each of the incompatible control systems and containing piece level data for the mail pieces that are to be assembled in the plurality of inserter systems; and

providing the one or more Mail Run Data File-Files to the plurality of Inserter systems interpolating the Mail Run Data File-Files for operation of each inserter system interpolating the Mail Run Data File-Files.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of processing mail pieces on the plurality of inserter systems as recited in Claim 5 further including the step of:

providing the Mail Run Data File-Files to an electronic document processing and presentment system to enable electronic generation and delivery for at least some of the mail pieces contained in the printstream.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of processing mail pieces on a plurality of inserter systems as recited in Claim 5 further including the steps of:

providing a local printer coupled to the work station computer; and
generating documents on the local printer from data received from the reprint database data.